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Collectors' Notices.

Mr. V. DARLING is now canvassing and collecting
for S. S. ALEXANDER down canvassing the West
Somer.

Progress of the Political Canvas.

Since our last review of the political situation
the Cincinnati convention has been held and the
set of candidates has been selected for the
highest office in the gift of the people. We
presume that every one was more or less sur-
prised at the result of the Cincinnati Convention
not only in the platform of principles laid down
but in the person selected as the standard
bearer of the Reform party. As this move-
ment was inaugurated by the free traders of
Missouri, who succeeded in carrying that State
against the administration two years ago, we
certainly had reason to expect that a strong
free trade platform would be adopted at Cin-
cinnati, and that the individual honored with
the nomination would be one whose previous
political record would render him acceptable to
the free trade interest. Instead of this, the
questions of free trade and protection are left
precisely where they always have been, in the
hands of Congress, no expression having been
given as to the merits of either, while the can-
didate for president is an avowed and life-long
protectionist. So the reform movement, as it
now stands, can no longer be considered as having
any connection with the tariff question.

Never in the history of political parties was
the situation more interesting to disinterested
lookers on it than it is now; and as the contest
waxes warmer, the interest will increase. Edi-
tors write long articles upon the situation, but
the result is as yet so obscured with uncer-
tainty, that scarcely any one has the temer-
ity to predict what the final result will be. Par-
tisan papers on both sides claim to be certain
of electing their men, but no one, who has
carefully read their articles has failed to notice
that those are betrayed in every paragraph.

Since the nomination of Mr. Greeley there has
been talk in some circles, of withdrawing Grant
and presenting some name Philadelphia which
might be able better to unite the republican
party, but that idea, if it was ever seriously
entertained, has been abandoned, and it is now
considered certain that General Grant will be
renominate. The interest now mainly cen-
ters on what the probable action of the demo-
cratic convention will be, which is to assemble
at Baltimore on the 9th of July. It is
confidently expected on the part of Mr. Greeley
and his friends, that no nomination will be
made, but that the Cincinnati candidates will
be endorsed; hoping by the coalition of the dis-
affected republicans and democrats, to be able
to defeat President Grant. It is impossible to
predict at this time, what the action of the
democracy may be, but it certainly looks now
as though a large majority of the democratic
would unite in the coalition.

For twelve years the democratic party has
been in the minority in the country, and is
most of the States, as is natural enough
is destined of being reinstated in power. Dur-
ing these years the republican party has been
in charge of the affairs of the nation, and dur-
ing that time, most of the issues to which it
owed its origin, have been settled, and in a manner
which is now satisfactory to all. We
have paid their assessments for the current
year, brethren are requested to be prompt in
their remittances to the Treasurer, M. N. Rich
at Portland. All intend to join the ex-
cuse are requested to notify the Treasurer
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